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### **REMARKS**

Firstly, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-5, 7 and 73 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the Amendment submitted herewith which is believed to place the remaining pending claims in condition for allowance.

### **STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 1, 33, 36 and 37. Additionally, please cancel Claims 55-61 and 67-70.

After entry of this amendment Claim 1-5, 7, 33-37, 51 and 73 will be pending. Notably, Claims 1 and 33 have been amended to provide greater clarity to the canine animal characterized by a phenotype negative for anti-globulin antibodies.” Additionally, Claims 36 and 37 have been amended to change the dependency thereof. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

**Claims 33-37 and 51** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. As graciously suggested by the Examiner, the phrase “wherein said donor canine animal is characterised by a phenotype negative for anti-globulin antibodies” has been removed from step (4) of Claim 33 and inserted into step (1) of Claim 33.

The aforementioned amendment to independent Claim 33 is believed to overcome this 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection thereof as well as that of dependent Claims 34-37 and 51. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the aforementioned 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes Claims 1-5, 7, 33-37, 51 and 73 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

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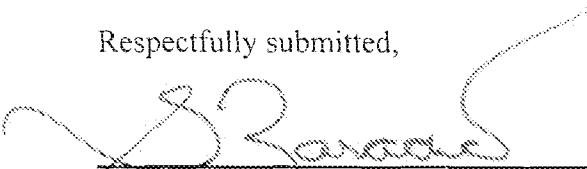
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If there are any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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